

A SLANDERED LAND.

Russia Not the Place of Darkness and Brutality That It's Painted.

TALMAGE PRAISES THE CZAR. Religious Liberty Exists, and the Cruel Knout Long Unknown.

EVEN SIBERIA THE BEST OF PRISONS

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.) BROOKLYN, Nov. 20.—Rev. Dr. Talmage today fulfilled his promise that he would speak of his visit to Russia and report many new impressions concerning that empire and its ruler. He took for his text II Peter, ii:10: "Presumptions are they, self-willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities."

Amid a most reprehensible crew, Peter here paints by one stroke the portrait of those who delight to slandere people in authority. Now, we all have a right to criticize evil behavior, whether in high places or low, but the fact that one is high up is no proof that he ought to be brought down. It is a bad streak of human nature now, as it was in the time of the text, a bad streak of human nature, that success of any kind excites the jealous indignation of those who cannot climb the same steep.

Out of this evil spirit grow not only individual but national and international domination. To no country has more injustice been done than to our own in days that are past. Long before Martin Chuzzlewit was written, the literature of the world scoffed at every living American.

There is a sister nation on the other side of the sea now going through the process of international domination. There is no country on earth so misunderstood as Russia, and no monarch more misrepresented than its Emperor. If the slander of one person is wicked, the slander of 320,000,000 people is 320,000,000 times more wicked.

The Difficulty of Their Tongue. You ask how is it possible that such appalling misrepresentations of Russia could stand? I account for it by the fact that the Russian language is to most of us impossible to understand.

I believe myself: Do the people in America hold the Government at Washington responsible for the Russian riots at Pittsburg, or for railroad restrictions, or for the block of houses, or for the ruffians who arrested a mail train, making the passengers hold their breath and their noses?

The Russians Are Our Friends. It is most important that this country have right ideas concerning Russia, for, among all the nations this side of heaven, Russia is America's best friend. There has not been an hour in the last 75 years that the ship-reck of iron has sailed from all the despotisms of Europe and Asia, a shout of gladness wide as earth and deep as perdition.

was an admirable plan, advocating open air punishment rather than imprisonment, and also because it was taking all offenders hundreds of miles away from their evil companions.

Russia is the only country on earth from which the death penalty has been driven, except in case of high treason. At least 100,000 desperate villains are sent to the hardest parts of Siberia, but no man is sent to Siberia or doomed to any kind of punishment until he has a fair trial.

But how about the knout, the cruel Russian knout, that comes down on the bare back of agonized criminals? Why, Russia is generally known that syrup of Figs will permanently cure habitual constipation, well-timed doses will not buy other laxatives, which act for a time, but finally injure the system.

You Can't Do It Yourself. You can't insure yourself, any more than your house can insure itself. The man who wishes to save the money which life insurance costs, forgets that while he is saving, his wife and family are running the risk of his death, and that if he dies, they are left penniless.

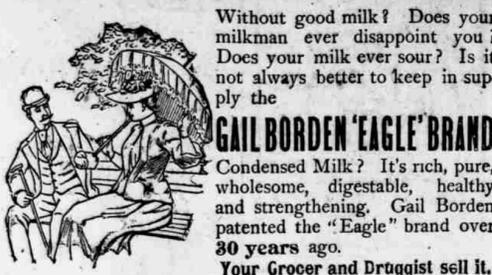
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October 15 came and found us ready—ready with the largest stock of Dry Goods and Notions ever brought to these two cities—and ready with an army of experienced salesladies and salesmen to serve the thousands of our friends and customers who even then were anxiously waiting for the opening. But, if we were ready, THE CONTRACTOR WAS NOT. All our anticipations and calculations were set at naught by the entirely incomplete state of the building, and the merchandise we had bought and the employes we had engaged for the occasion had to go to the back ground.

Now, then, prepare for bargains which will stand without precedent or parallel in local Dry Goods annals. The great combination TIME-GAINING AND MONEY-LOSING sale will commence this morning and continue uninterrupted until Christmas. In order to give you an idea of this rare opportunity we mention

- THESE FEW SPECIMENS, PICKED AT RANDOM FROM OUR STOCK. BLACK SILKS 75 pieces 24-inch Black Gros Grain Silk, elegant finish, soft texture; wear guaranteed; should have been sold at \$1.75 per yard; will now go at 99c. CHINA SILKS 100 pieces China Silks, all colors, pink, blue, cardinal, heliotrope, etc.; should have been sold for 50c per yard; will now go at 21c. BENGALINES 100 pieces rich and beautiful Bengalines, in street or evening tints; should have been sold for \$1.50 per yard; will now go at 89c. SUITINGS 100 pieces All-Wool Cheviot Suitings, 38 inches wide, in a large variety of entirely new designs; should have been sold from 50c to 60c per yard; will now go at 29c. HENRIETTA CLOTHS 50 pieces All-wool, Silk-Finished Henrietta Cloths, in jet or blue black; should have been sold from \$1 to \$1.25 per yard; will now go at 69c. 275 Elegant Imported Dress Patterns, in all colors; should have been sold for \$20; will now go at \$10. 10,000 Yards Silk Gimp, all colors; should have been sold at 10c per yard; will now go at 5c. 50 pieces 3/8 Heavy Shaker Flannel; should have been sold at 20c per yard; will now go at 9c. 50 pieces heavy domed Flannel, should have been sold at 10c per yard; will now go at 4c. 1,000 dozen large Linen Towels (all kinds), should have been sold at 19c, 20c and 21c; will now go at 12 1/2c. 4 cases genuine Marseille Quilts (British make), should have been sold at \$1.75; go now at 99c. 100 pieces double Damask Bleached Table Linen, should have been sold at \$1 per yard; will now go at 49c. 500 pairs Red and Grey strictly All-Wool Blankets, should have been sold at \$5 per pair; go now at \$2.99. 5 bales Appleton A. A. Unbleached Muslin at 4 3/4c per yard. 500 pieces "Fruit of the Loom" Bleached Muslin at 7 1/2c per yard.

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Perfect Religious Liberty Over There. Calumny the Third: Russia and its ruler are opposed to any other religion, except the Greek religion, that they will not allow any other religion, that nothing but persecution and imprisonment are contentable await the disciples of any other religion. But what are the facts? I had a son-in-law in St. Petersburg and he told me that the Emperor, a brilliant, efficient and loving man, who is the highest official in the country, has decreed that no chief business is to attend the Emperor. I said to him: "I suppose your religion is that of the Greek Church?" He said: "I am a Lutheran." "What is your religion?" I said to one of the highest and most influential officials at St. Petersburg. He said: "I am of the Church of England." Myself, an Avonlea, of still another denomination of Christians, and never having been a Greek church in my life until I went to Russia, could not have received more consideration had I been baptized in the Greek Church. I had demonstrated to me very plainly that a man's religion in Russia has nothing to do with his preference for either office or social position.

That Terrible Hagbender, Siberia. Calumny the Fifth: Siberia is a den of horrors, no trial is afforded the suspected ones; they are put into quibbling mines, where they are whipped and starved and some day find themselves going around without any head. But what are the facts? There are no kinder people on earth than the Russians, and to most of them, cruelty is an impossibility. Siberia is the prison of the United States. John Howard, who did more for the improvement of prisoners and the reformation of criminals than any man that ever lived, his name a synonym for mercy throughout Christendom, declared by voice and pen that the system of transportation of criminals from New York to Siberia